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For : HIGH-MINERAL OYSTER EXTRACT AND A
PROCESS FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME

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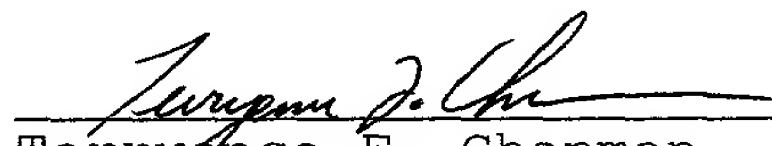
IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 3-5 as shown on the enclosed marked-up page. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121, a replacement page with the amended claims presented in clean form is also enclosed herewith.

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Clean/Replacement Amended Claims 3-5

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4. (Amended) The oyster extract according to ~~one of claims 1, 2 or 3~~claim 1, wherein further containing 0.05% to 0.2% of manganese by dry weight and 1% to 2% of magnesium by dry weight.

5. (Amended) An oyster extract mixture comprising the oyster extract according to ~~any one of claims 1, 2, 3 or 4~~claim 1 and an oyster extract obtained by hot water extraction.

3. (Amended) The oyster extract according to claim 1, wherein the oyster extract is obtained by extracting oysters with hot water, adjusting the oyster residue to pH 2 to 4, and neutralizing the residue to obtain a precipitate from the oyster extract.

4. (Amended) The oyster extract according to claim 1, wherein further containing 0.05% to 0.2% of manganese by dry weight and 1% to 2% of magnesium by dry weight.

5. (Amended) An oyster extract mixture comprising the oyster extract according to claim 1 and an oyster extract obtained by hot water extraction.